

In the Claims:

1. (Previously presented) An identification document comprising:
first printed matter rendered at a first location on said document and at a first scale enabling said first printed matter to be resolved by a viewing person without magnification, said first printed matter conveying identifying information;
second printed matter comprising information that communicates the same identifying information as said first printed matter, the second printed matter rendered at a second microscale and at a second confidential location on said document and in a second color, said second microscale being significantly smaller than said first scale, said second confidential location being spaced from said first location and being selected and arranged to be a location that is not generally known, and said second color being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second printed matter in said second location and its immediate background;
wherein the combination of said minimal contrast, said second confidential location, and said second microscale is constructed and arranged to substantially hide the existence and location of said second printed matter from the naked eye and prevent said second printed matter from being substantially detected or resolved unless a viewing party knows the second confidential location and views said second printed matter using a magnification lens.
2. Cancelled
3. (Previously presented) The identification document of Claim 1 wherein said second printed matter consists of text rendered in a single color, said color being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second printed matter in said second confidential location and its immediate background.

4. (Previously presented) The identification document of Claim 1 wherein said second printed matter consists of relatively dark toned text printed on a background color which is lighter toned than said text, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second printed matter in said second confidential location and its immediate background.

5. (Currently amended) The identification [~~document of~~] document of Claim 1 wherein said second printed matter consists of relatively light toned text printed on a background color which is darker toned than said text, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second printed matter in said second confidential location and its immediate background.

6. (Previously presented) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said identification document identifies a particular person and said identifying information comprises at least one of information specific to the identified person and information specific to the identification card.

7. Cancelled

8. (Original) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said first and second printed matter comprise alphanumeric characters.

9. (Original) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said first and second printed matter comprises at least two digits of the year of birth of a person identified in the document.

10. (Original) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said second printed matter is a graphical reproduction of said first printed matter.

11. Cancelled

12. Cancelled

13. (Currently amended) The identification document of Claim 1 wherein said construction and arrangement to substantially hide said second printed matter further comprises printing said second printed matter within a graphical image having sufficient complexity to camouflage said second printed matter from the naked ~~[eye-]~~ eye.

14. Cancelled.

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16. Cancelled.

17. Cancelled

18. (Previously presented) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said second printed matter communicates said first printed matter in an encrypted form.

19. (Previously presented) The identification document of claim 1 wherein said first and second printed matter comprise identifying information that is determined most likely to be altered.

20. Cancelled.

21. (Previously presented) A method of printing a document containing identifying information for a particular person comprising:

providing a base card;

printing first information which is specific to the particular person identified on said base card at a first location and at a first scale enabling said printed information to be perceived without magnification; and

printing second information at a second micro scale and at a predetermined secret second location on said document, and in a second color, said second information comprising

information capable of communicating the same identifying information as said first information, said second micro scale being significantly smaller than said first scale, said second location being spaced from said first location, and said second color being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information in said second location and its immediate background, the combination of said predetermined secret second location, minimal contrast and said second microscale substantially hiding said second information from the naked eye and preventing said second information from being clearly perceived unless said the second information is viewed using a magnifying lens by a party with knowledge of the predetermined secret second location.

22. Cancelled

23. (Currently amended) The method of Claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said predetermined secret second location consists of printing said second information in a single color, said color being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information ~~in~~ in said second location and its immediate background.

24. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said second predetermined secret location consists of printing said second information in a relatively dark toned color on a lighter toned background, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information in said second predetermined secret location and its immediate background.

25. (Currently amended) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said second predetermined secret location consists of printing said second information in a relatively light toned color on a darker toned background, said light tone and said darker tone constituting a tone difference, said tone difference being selected to effect minimal contrast between said second information ~~in~~ in said second predetermined secret location and its immediate background.

26. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21 wherein said step of printing said second information at said second predetermined secret location comprises graphically reproducing said first information.